GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2128
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AFFORESTATION RATE
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether an annual rate for afforestation has been fixed in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the date from which such a rate was fixed;

(c) whether the target regarding the rate of afforestation has been maintained;

(d) if not, the percentage of decline in annual rate of afforestation alongwith the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps taken to achieve the fixed annual rate of afforestation?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T. R. BAALU)

(a) to (e) Twenty Point Programme (TPP) was announced in 1982. Until, 1990, the targets were fixed for seedling distribution. Thereafter, these targets are fixed in terms of two mutually exclusive items, viz. seedling distribution for planting on private lands (Point No. 16 A), and area coverage through afforestation and tree planting on public lands, including forest lands (Point No. 16 B). The Ministry of Environment and Forests was assigned the nodal responsibility in the Central Government for fixing of annual targets and monitoring performance under point No.16 from 1985 onwards. Targets fixed from 1985-86 onwards and the corresponding achievements are at Annexure. The targets fixed over this period have varied from 1.45 million hectares to 2 million hectares annually, as these are set primarily keeping in view the annual plan allocations provided to the Centre and the States in the forestry sector. Increase in annual targets for afforestation/tree planting at a consistent level, and their achievement, over the years is subject to commensurate allocations being made available annually while taking into account the inflation factor, including the increase in wage rates in various States from time to time.

ANNEXURE

Annexure in respect of parts (a) to (e) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2128 due on 12.3.2001 regarding Afforestation Rate

Targets and Achievements under Point No. 16 of the Twenty Point Programme since 1985-86 for Afforestation and Tree Planting Activities.

Targets/achievements in million hectares

Sl. No.	Year	Target	Achievement
1	1985-86	1.45	1.51
2	1986-87	1.71	1.75
3	1987-88	1.80	1.78
4	1988-89	2.00	2.12
5	1989-90	1.68	1.71
6	1990-91	1.80	1.39
7	1991-92	1.80	1.73
8	1992-93	1.79	1.68
9	1993-94	1.84	1.52
10	1994-95	1.64	1.54
11	1995-96	1.69	1.65
12	1996-97	1.69	1.56
13	1997-98	1.71	1.48
14	1998-99	1.73	1.57
15	1999-2000	1.92	2.01
16	2000-01	1.93	1.03
TOTAL		28.18	26.03

Progress Reports from all States/UTs have not been received for the current financial year.

Note : Seedling distributed for plantations are notionally converted into area coverage @ 2000 seedlings per ha.